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Philadelphia woman sentenced to prison for Identity Theft

Wilmington – Attorney General Beau Biden announced today that Courtney Henry, age 28 of Philadelphia, has been sentenced in New Castle County Superior Court to one year in prison for Identity Theft. Between December 8, 2009 and December 12, 2009, Henry went to multiple New Castle County branches of Wachovia bank and withdrew money from her Maryland victim's savings account after filling out withdrawal slips and presenting a false ID in the victim's name. On December 14, 2009 she made a final attempt to withdraw money when a bank employee became suspicious of the false identification card and alerted Delaware State Police, who arrested Henry on-site.

"This punishment fits the crime, and we will continue to prosecute identity thieves with the focus their victims deserve," Attorney General Biden said."

Henry pled guilty on August 11, 2010 to Identity Theft and Theft of more than \$1,500 and was sentenced by Judge John Babiarez to one year in prison, followed by one year probation. In addition, she was ordered to have no contact with the victim and to pay \$22,600 in restitution.

Biden urged consumers who believe they may be the victim of identity theft to call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 220-5424. He also reminded consumers that prevention is the best protection against being victimized. The Attorney General's website, www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov, contains tips on how to prevent ID theft and information about resources available to victims, including the Attorney General's ID Theft Passport Program.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Kate Keller.

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